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Federal Drug Fugitive Arrested

Yesterday, July 29th, 2003, the U.S. Marshals Service and the Drug Enforcement Administration arrested Trinidad "Trino" ESPINOZA-LOPEZ in Chicago, Illinois on a federal warrant issued out of the U.S. District Court in Medford, Oregon. Espinoza-Lopez, who had been a fugitive since 1998, was arrested during a U.S. Marshals Service surveillance, at which time he supplied an Indiana Driver's License under the name, Rafael Sanchez. During the drive to the jail, with the 1992 fingerprint card of the real Espinoza-Lopez in hand, Rafael Sanchez, admitted that he was in fact Trinidad Espinoza-Lopez and was glad after five years of running, that it was finally over.

Espinoza-Lopez age 41, is scheduled for an Arraignment today, in Chicago on the federal indictment charging him with Distribution of Methamphetamine. A Warrant of Removal to return Espinoza-Lopez to Oregon is expected.

During the U.S. Marshals Service fugitive investigation, Espinoza was tracked through the states of OR, CA, IN, GA, MN, WI, WA, and ultimately IL. A minimum of 14 aliases were discovered which only encompassed the most recent two year period.